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For: Bioabsorbable Polymeric  
Implants and a Method of Using the  
Same to Create Occlusions

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION  
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Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington DC 20231

Sir:

In reply to the final Office Action mailed Feb. 11, 2004, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

A transmittal form for a Request for Continued Examination is attached with a check for the appropriate fee.

Claims 1 – 39 were original in the application. Claims 2 – 6, 9, 10, 17, 20, 21, 23, 24 and 35 – 39 have been cancelled. Claims 34 and 51 have been amended to stand in independent form. Therefore, claims 1, 7, 8, 11 – 16, 18, 19, 22, 25 – 34 and 40 – 51 are submitted for examination on the merits.

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